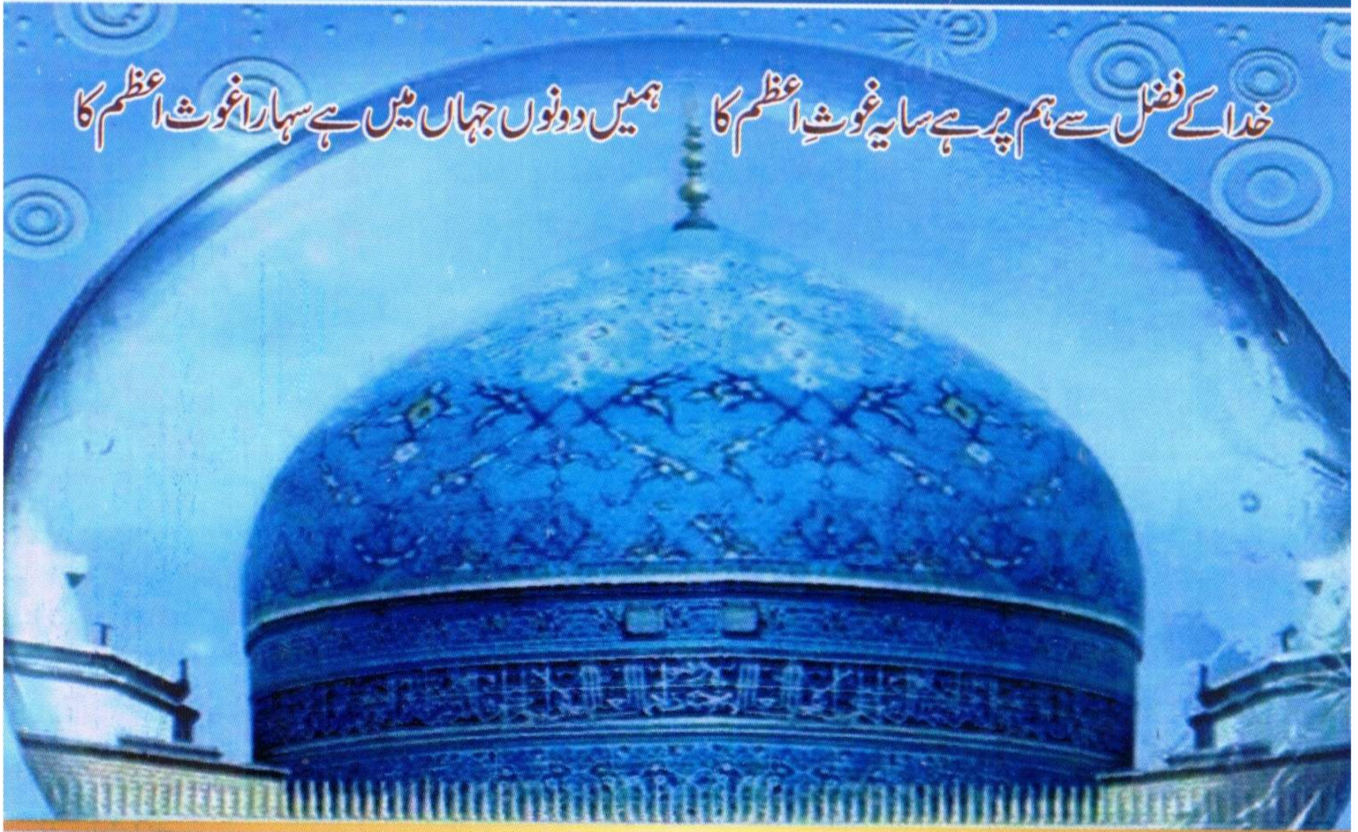
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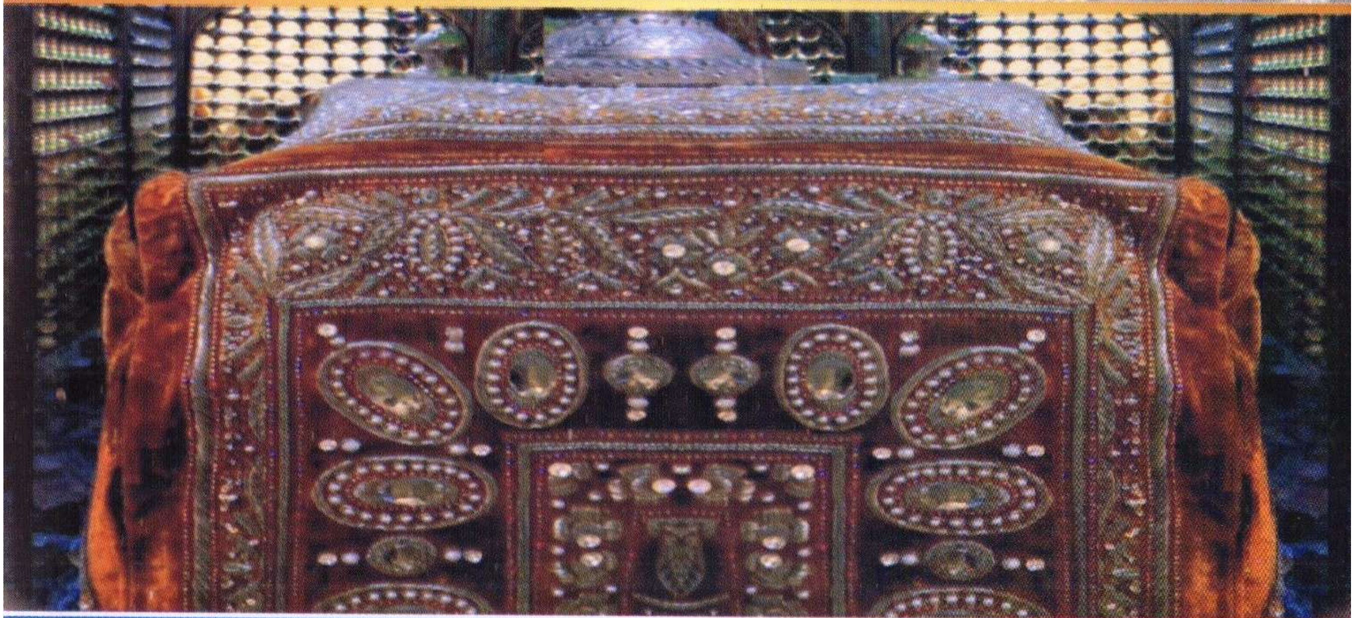
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Unquestionably(for) the allies of Allah there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve

Assalaam-u-Alaikum!

In the name of Allahجل جلالهMost High, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. All Praise be to Allah جل جلالهthe Creator, the Provider. He has no Partners, and is in no need of any. He is Alone, He made the Heavens and the Earth, and He knows what was before time, what is present and what is after. He shows the straight path to whosoever he wishes, and whoever he chooses to bless, He makes them the best among the best. O Allahجل جلاله send salutations on our Prophet(Allah bless him and give him peace) who is the last and final Messenger. After him there will be no Prophets to come until the Day of Judgment. Allah جل جلالهMost High has given him the highest excellence.

On the Day of Judgment when every individual will be present, our Prophet(Allahجل جلالهbless him and give him peace) will intercede on the behalf of the Muslims. Peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad(Allah جل جلاله bless him and give him peace, his family, his companions and all his followers.

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Biography of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ

Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ is a beloved Saint of Allah جل جلالہ He is at the top of the hierarchy of saints. He is best known for his great piety, serving humanity, humbleness, gaining knowledge and teaching others, ocean of knowledge in Fiqh, English Literature, Hadith, Qur'an and the Life of Muhammad ﷺ and the many miracles that have been performed by him. He has respectively always followed the Shari'at and spread the true teachings of Islam. With his vast amount of knowledge he has enlightened, influenced and convinced many individuals, along with many Jews and Christians, to adopt Islam.

Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ was born in the fifth century, 400AD, and 470AH. He was born in Iran on the 1st of Ramdaan, in the area of Jilan, in the town of Na'if.

The great Saint رضی اللہ عنہ has many titles, by which he is reffered to:

Al Hasani wal Husseini
Ghaus-e-Azam
Sultan-al-Awliya
Mehboob-e-Subhaani
Ghausul Suqlain
Mohiuddin

One of his many titles is 'al-Hasani wal Husseini' because he was blessed to be from the family lineage of the Holy Prophet ﷺ through his father Sheikh Abu Saleh Moosa رضی اللہ عنہ who was a direct descendant of Imam Hassan. He was a very pious and humble person and also always at Jihad (the spiritual struggle within oneself against sin)and from this he was given the title of"Jangi Dost"because he used to be at war with his own desires along with bringing people towards the righteous path and always forbid evil. Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ was also blessed with direct family lineage to the Holy Prophet ﷺ through his mother, Sayyida Bibi Ummul Khair Fatima رضی اللہ عنہ, who was a direct descendant of Imam Hussein. She was also a very noble and very pious person.

The birth of Ghaus-e-Azam رضی اللہ عنہ was a great blessing for the Ummah. It was the arrival of the King of the Awliya, which had

been foretold 200years before his birth, by may other Awliya of Allahجل جلاله

Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilaniرضی اللہ عنہwas a Sunni, Sufi saint, head of the Silsila Qadriya, because of the name Abdul Qadir it is called Qadriya.

Ghaus pakرضی اللہ عنہis the King of all saints, and therefore was a guide and spiritual teacher for all of the main 4 individual chains:Qadri, Naqshbandi, Soharwardi and Chisti.

The Parents of Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ

The father of Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہwas Abu Saleh Musa'Jangi Dostرضی اللہ عنہ' He was a very pious and God fearing man. Once, while he was in meditation, he saw an apple floating down the river, he picked it up and ate it. He then thought to himself, that I have eaten this apple, which did not belong to me! He began to think to himself that the apple was not halal upon him because he ate it, without paying for it, and also without the permission of the owner. He looked at which way the river flowed down and set out to search for the owner of the orchard, who was (Abdullah Sau'mee رضی اللہ عنہ) Going up the riverbank, he approached the owner of the orchard and said 'Please forgive me! I have eaten an apple, which belonged to your orchard.' Abdullah Sau'mee رضی اللہ عنہ (the owner of the orchard)replied: Iwill forgive you on one condition, you must work in my orchard for a number of years for free.' Abdullah Sau'meeرضی اللہ عنہcame up with this condition to test his piety and sincerity. Abu Saleh Musaرضی اللہ عنہagreed to the condition and began working in the apple orchard for free. Abdullah Sau'meeرضی اللہ عنہextended the duration for how long Abu Saleh Musaرضی اللہ عنہwas to work for, several times, to further test his piety and sincerity. After some time Abu Salehرضی اللہ عنہwent to Abdullah Sau'mee رضی اللہ عنہ and said',I have completed my agreed time, can I have permission leave'Abdullah Sau'meeرضی اللہ عنہsaid'No, you have to marry my daughter, she is deaf, dumb, blind and disabled.' Abu Saleh رضی اللہ عنہagreed to the condition of marrying his daughter, because he wanted the debt of the apple to be forgiven. Abu Saleh رضی اللہ عنہ then married the daughter of Abdullah Sau'mee رضی اللہ عنہ who was, Ummul Khair Fatimaرضی اللہ عنہWhen Abu Saleh,رضی اللہ عنہentered the room he saw that she was beautiful and wholesome and not deaf, dumb, blind or disabled, there was nothing wrong with

her. He immediately left the room because he thought that he got married to the wrong girl. He went to his father in law, Abdullah Sau'mee رضی اللہ عنہ and said,'Your daughter is perfectly fine.' Abdullah Sau'mee رضی اللہ عنہ said,'I said she was blind, because she had not seen any Ghair Mehram (a man who could marry her) in her entire life, I said she was dumb, because she had never told a lie or backbitten, I said she was deaf, because she had not heard anything wrong in her life and I said she was disabled, because she had never moved in the direction of evil.'

This is how pious and God fearing the parents of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ were. His father, Abu Saleh Musa Jangi Dost رضی اللہ عنہ was so honest and conscious of eating an apple that did not belong to him and fearful of the sin that would be committed by doing so. He therefore agreed to terms and conditions that meant for him to work for free for many years in the orchard and then later led him to marry the pious mother of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ Ummul Khair Fatima رضی اللہ عنہ who was also extremely pious and God fearing. These days we are not God fearing enough to even realize whether our substance is from halal or haram earnings. Nowadays we complain that our duas are not answered, this is due to our impurities. In order for our duas to be accepted our earnings, food, clothes must all be from a halal substance. Allah swt is pure and loves purity.

Amazing Predictions of Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ Birth :

Sayyiduna Junaid Al-Baghdadi رضی اللہ عنہ lived two hundred years before Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ and announced his coming in the following manner. Once, whilst in a state of spiritual ecstasy(Muraqaba) Sheikh Junaid al-Baghdadi رضی اللہ عنہ stated":His foot is on my shoulders, his foot is on my shoulders".After coming out of this spiritual condition, his disciples questioned him regarding these words. He said",I have been informed that a great Saint will be born towards the end of the fifth century. His name shall be Abdul Qadir and his title will be Muhiyuddin. He will be born in Jilan, Iran and he will reside in Baghdad, Iraq. One day, when Allah جل جلالہ commands, he will say,'My foot is on the shoulders of all the Awliya Allah.' Whilst in this spiritual condition, I saw his excellence and these words were uttered by me, without my

control".

Imam Hassan Askari RA: Sheikh Abu Muhammad رضی اللہ عنہ states that before his demise, Imam Hassan Askari رضی اللہ عنہ handed over his Jubba(Cloak) to Sayyiduna Imam Ma'roof Karki(رضی اللہ عنہ)and asked him to pass it over to Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani(ra.(Sheikh Imam Ma'roof Karki(رضی اللہ عنہ)passed over this cloak to Sayyiduna Junaid al-Baghdadi(رضی اللہ عنہ)who in turn passed it over to Sheikh Danoori (رضی اللہ عنہ)From here it was then passed down until it reached Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani(رضی اللہ عنہ)in the year 497A.H(Makhzanul Qaaderiah)

Sheikh Abu Bakr Bin Haw'waarرضی اللہ عنہlived before the time of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہand was amongst the highly regarded Mashaa'ikh of Baghdad. Once, while he was sitting in his gathering, he said",There are seven Aqtaab(High-Ranking Awliya) of Iraq:

Sheikh Ma'roof Karkhiرضی اللہ عنہ
Sheikh Imam Ahmad bin Hanbalرضی اللہ عنہ
Sheikh Bishr Haafiرضی اللہ عنہ
Sheikh Mansoor bin Amaarرضی اللہ عنہ
Sayyiduna Junaid al-Baghdadiرضی اللہ عنہ
Sheikh Sahl bin Abdullah Tastariرضی اللہ عنہ
Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilaniرضی اللہ عنہ

Sayyidi Abu Muhammad (رضی اللہ عنہ) who was a mureed of Sheikh Abu Bakr(رضی اللہ عنہ)asked",We have heard and know six of these names, but the seventh, we have not heard of. O Sheikh! Who is Abdul Qadir Jilani"Sheikh Abu Bakr(رضی اللہ عنہ) replied by saying":Abdul Qadir(رضی اللہ عنہ)will be a non-Arab and a pious man. He will be born towards the end of the fifth century Hijri and he will reside in Baghdad(".Bahjatul Asraar)

Sheikh Khaleel Balkhi رضی اللہ عنہwas a great Wali of Allahجل جلالہ and had passed away before the time of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ.Once while he was seated with his disciples, he said":A pure servant of Allah will appear in Iraq, towards the end of the fifth century. The world will gain brightness from his presence. He will be the Ghaus of his time. The creation of Allah will be obedient to him, and he will be the Leader of all the Awliya Allah(Azkaarul Abraar)

Imam Muhammad Bin Sa'eed Zanjani رضی اللہ عنہ stated in his distinguished book",Nuzhatul Khawatir" that "From the era of Sheikh Abi Ali Hassan Yasaarajuwi(رضی اللہ عنہ)up to the era of

Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani(رضی اللہ عنہ)every Wali that passed this earth, foretold the coming and the excellence of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani".(رضی اللہ عنہ)Nuzhatul Khawatir.

Blessed Birth of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ

His mothers name was Sayiduna Ummal Khair Fatimqa رضی اللہ عنہ One of the miracles of Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ birth is that his mother gave birth to the Great Saint رضی اللہ عنہ at the age of 60,at an age when it was difficult for women to have children.

The father of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ Hazrat Abu Saleh Moosa رضی اللہ عنہ had a dream in which he saw our Beloved Prophet ﷺ who said to him:

"O my son Abu Saleh, Allah جل جلالہ has given you a child who is my beloved son and also the beloved of Allah جل جلالہ His ranking among the Awliya is similar to my rank among the Prophets".

On the night of the Mi'raaj (Ascension) the Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ blessed foot stepped on the neck of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ to mount al-Buraq. When he was born, the impression of the footprint of Prophet Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ was present on the neck of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ This alone was proof of his Sainthood.

On the eve of Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ birth, approximately eleven hundred males were born in Jilan, Iran and every one of them became a Wali of Allah.

As a baby Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ fasted from the day he was born. From Fajr to Maghrib, Ghaus Pak never drank their mothers' milk. His blessed mother says that he would not even cry for milk the entire day and would only drink milk at the time of Iftaar. News of the newborn Sayed observing fast spread throughout Jilan and surrounding areas. The following year the moon could not be sighted due to heavy clouds, the people of Jilan decided to observe Ramadan on the basis of whether Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ had accepted milk during the day or not.

Reference: kalaid wal Jawahir

All of the Saints and Wali's are in agreement that Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani was indeed born as a Wali.

Sheikh Abdul Qadir رضی اللہ عنہ was not an ordinary child. Whilst children were busy playing, at a young age he never played. He said every time I chose to go and play, I heard a voice from

the unseen say to me 'Oh blessed one, come towards me.' At first, upon hearing this voice he would become afraid and used to go and sit in his mothers lap. When he became used to the voice, instead of going to his mother, he would abandon the world and accompany himself in the remembrance of Allah جل جلاله

When did Ghaus-e-Azam know he was a saint! :

Sayyidi Abdur Razzaq رضی اللہ عنہ son of Ghaus-e-Azam رضی اللہ عنہ reports that once Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ was asked when he first came to know that he was a Wali (friend of Allah جل جلاله) The great saint replied, "When I was just 10 years old and used to go and study in the local Madrassah, I would see Angels walking beside me saying 'give way to the Wali of Allah, give way to the friend of Allah.' The Angels would reserve for me my chair and desk at the front of the classroom. It was when this continued, I knew that I had been blessed with Waliyah"

The father of Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ Hazrat Abu Saleh رضی اللہ عنہ had passed away when he was very young and was raised by his Mother and Grandfather, Hazrat Abdullah Saum'ee رضی اللہ عنہ His grandfather blessed him with gems of spiritualism and words of wisdom.

The Journey to Baghdad :

When Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ was 18 years old, he walked in the Street of Jilan and he came across an Ox in front of him. Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ walked behind the Ox for some time and suddenly the Ox turned around and in the language of humans said 'You have not been created for this and you have not been commanded to do this!'

He immediately returned home and explained the incident to his mother. He then asked for permission to travel to Baghdad, Iraq in order to complete his academic studies and seek more spiritual knowledge. His mother who was now 78 years old granted him permission straight away, without thinking twice, as she did not want him to feel held back from gaining spiritual knowledge. She wanted her son to become a man of knowledge and wisdom. She was very attached to Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ and as a mother she did not want him to leave her side, especially in her old age, however she did not let her personal feeling come before the pleasure of Allah. جل جلاله In

those days there were no cars, people used to travel by either foot or animals such as camels and horses. There was always a risk and danger of travellers being robbed and killed by robbers, because the roads passed through dense forests and jungles. Sayyida Ummul Khair Fatima رضی اللہ عنہ knew of the dangers but still supported her son, as she had devout faith in Allah جل جلالہ She wished him well and blessed him with her Du'as, she said":O my dear son! I do not think I will ever get to see you again, I have become very old, my Du'as will always be with you. May Almighty Allah protect you and grant you success".She then said":Your deceased father left 80Dinars. I am giving you 40Dinars for your journey to Baghdad, and I will keep 40 dinars for your younger brother, Sayyid Abu Ahmad Abdullah". رضی اللہ عنہ She took the 40 Dinars and sewed them under the arm of his coat. She once again made Du'a for him and upon bidding him farewell, She told him to always speak the truth, never think of lies, to be steadfast in the observance of divine commands, and to be far away from the unlawful things. She gave him the following advice":O' my beloved son! Let this advice, which I am about to give you be an important part of your life. Always speak the truth! Do not ever think of lies".The young Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ said",My dear mother! I promise from my heart that I will always act upon your advice".Sayyida Fatima رضی اللہ عنہ then embraced the apple of her eye with love and motherly gentleness for the last time, and said",Go! May Allah جل جلالہ be with you, it is He who is your Helper and Protector."

During his journey to Baghdad, Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ was attacked by a gang of 60 robbers, the leader of this band of robbers was a very notorious person called Ahmad Badawi. The members of the gang began to loot the belongings from the caravan. A robber then asked Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ if he had anything else valuable upon him. Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ told him that he had 40dinars, the burgalar laughed at this and walked away because he thought that he was lying. After some time, another robber approached Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ and asked the same question, Ghaus Pak once again responded that he has 40 dinars, he also dismissed the response of Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ When the robbers gathered together, these two

robbers laughed and joked about the young boy who claimed to have 40dinars. They then informed the chief of the gang, 'Ahmad Badawi.' The chief also asked Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ if he had anything valuable upon him. Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ said yes I have 40dinars, and showed him where it was stitched under his arm. The chief of the robbers ordered the burgalars to strip the 40dinars away from Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani. رضی اللہ عنہ The chief of the robbers was shocked and puzzled and asked "O young man, none of us knew that you had any money. Knowing that we are bandits, why did you still tell us where the money was hidden" Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ replied "When I had left on this journey, I had promised my elderly and pious mother that I would never lie. How then could I break this promise just for the sake of sixty bandits". Upon hearing this, the chief of the robbers began crying with remorse, saying "Oh young boy! You are so loyal in your promise to your mother. Shame on me, that for years I have been disloyal to my promise with my Creator Almighty Allah". After saying these words, the bandit cried bitterly and then fell to the feet of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ and repented for his sins. When his accomplices saw this, they too did likewise and they all repented sincerely from their sins. They then returned all the belongings of the travellers and escorted them out of the jungle.

It has been stated that the tauba(repentance) of these bandits was so sincere that they were blessed with Wilayah, through the Sadqa of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ Referring to this incident, Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ stated": This was the first tauba(repentance) that a group of misled persons had made at my hands".

Nigah-e-Wali mein woh taaseer dekhi, badalti hazaaron ki taqdeer dekhi

Attaining Academic Knowledge :

Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ studied at Madrassa Nizamiya in Baghdad, which was the most prestigious and world-renowned Islamic educational institution of its time. There, the Great Saint رضی اللہ عنہ learned from some of the world-renowned Islamic scholars from that era. He studied the Hanabli Fiqah in particular under prominent Hanabli jurist Hazrat Abu Saeed al-Mukharrami رضی اللہ عنہ He was taught Tafsir,

Sunnah and Hadith by both Hazrat Abu Ghalib Ahmad رضی اللہ عنہ and Hazrat Abu Qasim Ali رضی اللہ عنہ And he also studied Arab Literature under Hazrat Abu Zakariya Yahya Tabrizi رضی اللہ عنہ who was the principal of Madrassa Nizamiya, Baghdad. He reached an outstanding level of knowledge and understanding.

Reference-: Bahjat ul Asraar Wa maadin al Anwaar

Hardships Faced During Studies :

Whilst studying in Baghdad, he faced many hardships, trials and tribulations in many different ways and was tested severely by the life of Baghdad. Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ himself, used to say":The hardships and difficulties that I faced in Baghdad during my studies were so severe that if they had to be placed on a mountain, then even the mountain would split in two".

He was also reported saying" :When the hardships and difficulties would become unbearable, I would then, lie on the road and continuously recite the Ayah of the Holy Qur'an 94:5:

فَإِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا

For indeed, with hardship[will be] ease

Sheikh Abul Mas'ood bin Abu Bakr Hareemi رضی اللہ عنہ reports that Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ once said to him:

Year after year, I struggled with my nafs by putting myself through various intense tests. For one year, I ate only vegetables and drank no water. The following year I only drank water and ate nothing and the year after that, I did not eat and drink for the entire year. There were times when I did not sleep a wink. During this time I used to put myself through various spiritual exercises.

There were times when I would be so drowned in struggling against my nafs that I used to roll on thorns until my entire body would be severely bruised and cut and I would become unconscious. People would pick me up and take me to the physician. He would certify me dead. Assuming that I was dead, they would prepare for my ghusal and kaffan. When they used to place me on the bathing board to give me ghusl, I used to awake from this spiritual condition and walk away.

After receiving his ocean of Islamic education and knowledge Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ left Baghdad and went to the Jungle area in Iraq and spent 25 years in seclusion there. He submitted himself and spent his time in the remembrance and worship of

A l l a h جل جلاله From this he gained ultimate spirituality. He continued to suppress his nafs in many different ways. He spent 25 years in the Jungles of Iraq and survived by eating leaves from trees, sometimes days would go by when he had nothing to eat at all.

The Great Saintرضی اللہ عنہwas also reported saying For 40years, I performed my Fajr Salaah with the Wudhu of my Isha Salaah and for 15 years I used to stand on one foot until Fajr and complete the recitation of the entire Qur'an. During this time, I sometimes spent between three and 40 days without eating anything".Always used to keep fast.

In 1127AD Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہreturned back to Baghdad and started preaching Islam at the age of 52 .He then built a Madrassah where he taught from. Abdul Qadir Gilani رضی اللہ عنہ never thought about starting a business, but instead built and opened a Madrassah so that he could spread Islam and share his knowledge and wisdom.

Soon after, Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ became very popular in Badgdad shareef and far eastern Arab countries, people used to travel from near and far distances to gain knowledge from the Great Saintرضی اللہ عنہ

The Command To Preach :

Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ had gained an ocean of knowledge from completing his studies and then further developed unbelievable levels of spirituality and wisdom by spending time in the Jungles of Iraq. However he struggled to share his knowledge with people as he found that he was limited by not being fluent in Arabic.

As mentioned in 'Akhbaarul Akhyaar' When the Holy Prophet saw and Hazrat Aliرضی اللہ عنہvisited Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilaniرضی اللہ عنہin his dream he was commanded to preach.

Rasoolullah saw came to him in his dream, and said, O my dear son, why do you not speak out Ghaus pakرضی اللہ عنہreplied "I am not fluent in Arabic, I am a non Arab, I am an Ajami how can I speak fluently in Arabic language" The holy Prophet saw said",open your mouth" and then placed his blessed saliva in the mouth of Ghaus pakرضی اللہ عنہ7times. Then later Hazrat Ali رضی اللہ عنہcame and placed his blessed saliva in the mouth of Ghaus pakرضی اللہ عنہ6times. From then onwards Ghaus pakرضی اللہ عنہspoke the classical Arabic language with fluency, his

memory increased and he felt great positive spiritual changes. When telling the miracle, he stated "Allah جل جلاله then opened my heart and miraculously improved my speech".

This shows how the Great Saint رضی اللہ عنہ gained the blessings of our beloved Rasool saw and their family and has a certified connection whereby he directly gained Faiz from our beloved RasoolAllah ﷺ.

After this incident Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ began to reveal the ocean of knowledge which was hidden within him. In each gathering, over seventy thousand people attended. There was no high tech microphone and sound system in those days, however, everyone personally heard every word clearly. A person sat in the last row, heard Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ lecture the same as the one sitting in the front row.

Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ travelled to other countries to preach, he also travelled to Multan shareef in Pakistan.

One day, while Ghaus Pak was lecturing, to hundreds of people, it began to rain. People began to leave, because they were getting wet. The Great saint Ghaus-e-Azam رضی اللہ عنہ looked at the cloud and said 'I am trying to gather the people together and the rain is dispersing them away'. The rain suddenly stopped at once.

In Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ gathering over 400people used to sit with pen and paper and write down Ghaus Pak's instructions and spiritual guidance and record the lectures. Not only Muslims, but also Jews and Christians attended the lectures, and many reverted to Islam. It is reported that over 5,000Christians made Tawba upon the hands of Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ and over 100,000 people sought repentance for their evil pasts upon the hands of the Great Saint رضی اللہ عنہ hand.

Ref :Qalaaid ul Jawaahir

Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ was like a father figure to his thousands of spiritual followers, he knew them all by their name. He helped them and saved them from disasters even if they were at the other end of the world.

Nobody of a different Creed/belief(Aqeeda) had the audacity to even speak in front Ghaus pak. رضی اللہ عنہ Whoever used to go to the court of Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ they used to go as a beggar.

Ibn Taymiyyah says that Whevever a disciple(Mureed) came to Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani, he would be aware of the desires

and problems in his disciple's mind

Reference: Ibn e Taymiyya in Al Isteqama, Page 78

Even a sceptic like Ibn Jouzi used to go into spiritual ecstasy when listening to the great Saint.

Reference:Bahjat ul Asraar

Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ wrote books for his mureeds (spiritual followers)

Al fath ul rabbani
Malfoozat
Fatuh al ghaib
Jilau ul khataar
Wird Sheikh Abdul Qadir Gilani
Bah jatul asrar
Adabiya salook

Ghunyyat ul talibeen according to some scholars, this is not a book written by Ghaus pak رحمۃ اللہ علیہ

When Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رحمۃ اللہ علیہ announced,'My foot is on the neck of all Awliya Allah' all the Awliya bowed their heads, and Khawaja Gharib Nawaz رحمۃ اللہ علیہ replied",Your blessed foot is not only on my neck, but also on my eyes and my head!"Therefore this shows the love and respect, Khawaja Gharib Nawaz رحمۃ اللہ علیہ gained Faiz and had their rank elevated and achieved the status of Sultan-e-Hind, King of Hindustan.

An ill mannered, un-educated and disrespectful person can never become a Wali. All of the Awliya are pious and have great oceans of ilm and knowledge. Who does not follow sunnah and Shari'at can never also be Awliya. And most of all who does not have love for RasoolAllah ﷺ can never gain the position of the Awliya.

Because Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ was a helper and savior to the poor, therefore he was called Ghaus, which means helper.

Mulla Ali Qaari رحمۃ اللہ علیہ recorded the statement of Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani: رضی اللہ عنہ Whoever asks for my assistance in any problem or sorrow, his difficulty will be removed. Whoever takes my name and calls out to me in any hardship, his hardship will be alleviated and whoever uses me as an intermediary(Waseela) to Allah swt in any need, it will be fulfilled".

Nuzhatul-Khaatiri- fi-Tarjamati Sayyidi Abdil-Qaadir Pg.61

The great Saint رضی اللہ عنہ has given surety that whosoever is his

mureed until the day of judgement that they will never pass away without making Taubah(Repentance) for their sins.

Qalaaid ul Jawaahir, Akhbaar ul Akhyaar

The great Saint has also declared that",Until the day of Judgement, whichever of my friends, my mureeds and my beloved make mistakes, I will hold him by his hand."

Qalaaid ul Jawaahir

A true Wali of Allahجل جلاله follows the sunnah and acts upon it without any divertion and prays for the forgiveness of humans sins.

Itna kaafi hai zindagi ke liye,
rakh le aaqa jo nokri ke liye
Issi tawaqu par jee rahi hoon,
yehi tammana jilaa rahi hai
nigah-e-lutfo-karam nah ho gi
toh muj ko jeena haram ho ga
Meera,n waliyon ke imam
De do panj tan pak ke naam
Hum ne johli hai pehl badi dehr se!

The appearance of Ghaus Pakرضی اللہ عنہ

His blessed height was average and body build was slim, his skin colour was olive/light brown, he was blessed with a loud voice, a long and broad beard, his eyebrows were joined in the middle and he had a broad chest and blessed with a luminous beautiful face.

Reference: Hazrat Ghaus e Azam huliya Mubarak

Ghaus-e-Azam family and wives:

Sheikh Abdul Qadir jilani was commanded to marry by our beloved Prophet saw, and was reported saying:

"I would not have married, but my beloved forefather, Nabi Muhammad saw has commanded me to marry. It is on this basis that I have made Nikah. I was, in reality, afraid of making Nikah, for this reason that my time may be lost in other things rather than in the love of my Creator, but when the time came, then My Creator blessed me with four wives, and each one of them loved me dearly".

Due to his true and pure intention of Nikah, he never found any time lost from his Ibadah and from his services to the Deen, even after marriage.

Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ was married 4 times

throughout his life.
The first time Ghaus Pakرضی اللہ عنہgot married was at 51years of age, when advised by RasoolAllahﷺ
Their first wife's name was Sayiduna Bibi Madinah
Their second wife, Sayiduna Bibi Saadiqa
Their third wife, Sayiduna Bibi Momina
Their fourth wife, Sayiduna Bibi Saadiqa

Tazkirah Mashaikh-e-Qadriya Page:108

Children:

From 4wives, Ghaus pakرضی اللہ عنہhad 49children. 27were boys and 22were girls.

Tazkirah Mishaik Qadriya

Advice to his children:

Huzoor Ghaus pak,رضی اللہ عنہalways advised his children to fear nobody, apart from Allah جل جلالہ and not to turn to nobody except Allah.جل جلالہ

When the Sheikh was suffering from illness, his son Abdul Wahab رضی اللہ عنہasked him":Can you give me a last piece of advice, that I should act upon after you have left this world".The blessed Sheikh replied:

"Fear Almighty Allah. Fear none but Allah. Always turn towards Him. Ask all your wishes from Allah. Do not turn to anyone besides Allah. Do not have faith in anyone but in Allah. Remain firm on Tauheed (belief in One Allah) There is no salvation without Tauheed. When a person's heart becomes linked with Allah then nothing else seems to look good to him. I have reached the level of True Love. It is a domain where worldly love has no place".

Presence of other beings :

Just before the Great Saint رضی اللہ عنہ passed away from this world, he turned to his sons and said,

"Move away from me. Right now, you seem to be before me, but in reality you are not the only ones here. With the exception of you, there are other creations of Allahجل جلالہhere as well. Give enough space for them. Show respect to them. Give way. This is now a place of exalted pardon and forgiveness. Do not crowd this place".

After saying these words, he would continue by saying",And may there be peace, blessings and Allah جل جلالہ Mercy upon you. May Allahجل جلالہforgive us all and may He bestow His

Mercy upon us ".This was his reply to the greetings of the Angels that had presented themselves before him. It is stated that he replied to their greetings for a full twenty-four hours.

The Great Saint رضی اللہ عنہ expressed his allegiance to Ahle Sunnah wal Jamaat. Sheikh Abdur Razzaqرضی اللہ عنہand Sheikh Moosa,رضی اللہ عنہboth sons of al-Ghaus al-A'zamرضی اللہ عنہstate:

The blessed Sheikh رضی اللہ عنہlifted both his hands towards the sky and said'May there be peace, blessings and Allah's Mercy upon you. Repent sincerely from your hearts and join the Sawaad-e-A'zam(Huge Jamaat or Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat) It was for this reason that I was sent. In other words, I was sent to command you to follow and be obedient to our Beloved Nabi Muhammad.صلی اللہ علیہ وآلہ وسلم Always be gentle. He then said'The distance between you, I and all the creation is like the distance between the skies and the earth. Thus, you should not think of anyone equal to me, or think of me equal to any other.

His illness :

It is further reported that his son, Sheikh Abdul Aziz رضی اللہ عنہ asked him about his disease. On this he said:

Surely no one, neither man nor any jinn, nor any angel knows or understands my disease. The knowledge of God is not diminished by the command of God. The command changes but the knowledge does not change. The command may be abrogated but not knowledge. God causes to pass away and establishes what He pleases, and with Him is the basis of the Book:

It has also been reported that his son Sheikh Abdul Jabbarرضی اللہ عنہasked him":Which part of your body gives you pain"He replied:

"All my organs are hurting me except my heart. There is no pain there, for it is with Allah, Almighty and Glorious is He"

Death of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Gilani رضی اللہ عنہ

They were laid to rest in their own Madrassah, which is now the blessed Mausoleum of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilaniرضی اللہ عنہin Baghdad, Iraq .

Their blessed age was 91/92years in 1166A, 561Al-Hijri, The day was 11th of Rabi' al-Thaani, this day is commemorated as the day of Ghiyaarwi Shareef.

Various Miracles and the life of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ

The words of the Awliya come true:

Someone once asked Ghaus pakرضی اللہ عنہwhat is the meaning of a wali Ghaus pakرضی اللہ عنہreplied, a Wali is that person, who, whatever they say comes true. If he says for something to die it will die. At that moment an eagle was flying past and it felt dead at his feet, Ghaus pakرضی اللہ عنہlooked at it and declared I did not direct that at you. He then continued, a Wali is that person who if orders something to come alive it will come alive. Suddenly the eagle came alive and flew away.

One day, Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ were delivering a lecture with great spirit, an eagle was flying overhead and making a loud screaming noise whilst people were trying to intently listen to the lecture. Ghaus pakرضی اللہ عنہvoiced",Oh wind grab hold of its head' without proper intention. Suddenly the eagle fell to the ground, headless. After the lecture Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ approached the eagle and placed his blessed hands over the eagle and recited Bismillah and the following verse:

The eagle then came back to life by the command of Allahجل جلالہand in front of everyone it flew away.

Reference: Hayaat ul Haywaan Vol 1 Page 140

One day a scorpion appeared in Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہhouse, when he saw it he said: dangerous animal, die! It immediately died in front of Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ when he saw this he became concerned and gave his servant one of his belongings to sell and give the money in the way of charity(sadaqa) For a long time after that, Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ kept on reciting Istaghfar.

The Snake entered the clothes of Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ:

Once Hazrat Ghaus Pakرضی اللہ عنہwere lecturing to some of his students on the topic of Qada and Qadr(predestination) when a very large snake fell on him from the ceiling. The students dispersed out of shock, but the great Saint remained absolutely still. The snake entered his clothes, passed around his entire blessed body, wrapped itself around his neck and then sat on the floor looking at him in amazement. It then began to speak to him. When it had disappeared, the people asked him what it had said. The great Saintرضی اللہ عنہreplied'It said to me, I have indeed tested many Awliya, but have never found someone like

you' I replied",I was speaking about Qada and Qadr and it is Qada and Qadr which has allowed a small worm like you to move. Hence, I did not move at all so that my words and actions are the same".

Tabqaat-e-Kubra, Nuzhatul Khaatir, Bahjatul Asraar

Clear the Mataf:

Once a person took an oath that if he could not perform such a special form of Ibaadah, which no one in the world was performing at that moment, then his wife would be given a divorce. The Ulama could not answer this matter. When this was brought to the attention of the great Saint رضی اللہ عنہ he calmly replied",Clear the area where the people make tawaf around the Kaba and allow this person to make tawaf alone. In this manner, his marriage would be saved and his oath would be fulfilled."

Akhbaarul Akhyaar

2 Sayings of Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ:

1 Oh people if you are fortunate to live from your mothers lap ,cradle until the grave, in all your work and effort and prayers keep Allah جل جلالہ name engulfed in your hearts, By Allah swt I swear that it will not be possible, until you do not sit in the feet of the pious and righteous company of the Awliya. Accepted people

2 Sit in the company of those people whose hearts are alive, so that your heart also grows and becomes full of life. Everybody has a heart but associate yourselves with those whose hearts are engulfed in the remembrance of Allah جل جلالہ My mureed are those who are constantly engrossed in the zikr of Allah جل جلالہ

King of the Awliya:

Imaam Ahmad bin Humbal said":O Sheikh Abdul Qair Jilani, even I am dependent on your Tareeqa".

O Hazrat Ghaus Paak! Those who wish and those who strive to lower your dignity, state and rank, this in itself becomes a calamity for them. It must be remembered that the state and rank given to the Awliya is something, which has been given to them by the Almighty Allah جل جلالہ himself, hence, disrespecting them and trying to lower their esteem and status, is actually fighting against the Almighty جل جلالہ This is the reason

why the Almighty(azza wa jall) has declared that:

مَنْ عَادٰى لِيْ وَلِيًّا فَقَدْ اٰذَنْتُهٗ بِالْحَرْبِ

"He who has enmity for my Wali(friend) I have declared war on that person".

Bukhaari shareef

It is reported that once the great Saint presented himself in front of the Jaali Mubaarak and read out a few couplets, which meant",Before this, my soul used to arrive and present my greetings. Today, however, I am physically present. Please reveal your blessed hand so that I could bless myself with kissing it".Suddenly, the blessed hand of the Holy Prophet(salal laahu alaihi wa sallam) was seen by everyone. The great Saint then kissed the blessed hand and placed the blessed hand over his head. Other great saints in Islam have also been blessed in this manner such as Imam Azam, Imam Abu Hanifa, Imam Shafi, Imam Syed Ahmed Rifaa'i(radi Allahu anhum) and also recently, the great Mujaddid, Imam Ahmed Raza (radi Allahu anhu)

The thief who tried to steal from Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ house :

One day a thief came to steal from Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ house. When he entered the house he instantly became blind. He could not see anything and therefore he could not find his way out, so he sat down in the corner of the house. In the morning when he was caught, he was brought before Hazoor Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ When Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ saw him he placed his blessed hands on his eyes and the theif regained his eyesight immediately. Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ said"He came to steal materialistic(worldly) wealth, but I will bless him with such a treasure that it will remain with him forever. Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ placed his blessed sight upon the thief once, and elevated him to the status of a Wali.

Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ had an extraordinary power, which was to make thieves into Abdaal (High ranking Wali) They used to sincerely repent in the court of Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ and their sins were then forgiven and they became god-fearing. This was one of Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ many miracles. This was done by just simply one glance(looking at the thief)

Nigah-e-Wali mein woh taaseer dekhi
badalti hazaaron ki taqdeer dekhi

The Girl Who Cried out to Ghaus Pakرضی اللہ عنہ

One day in a city called Ceylon, a man went to attack a young girl who was alone. She was a follower of Hazoor Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ, she shouted! "Save me oh my Sheikh Abdul Qadir" at that moment Hazoor Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ was making wudu in the city of Baghdad, the people around him noticed that he stopped angrily and removed his wooden shoe and threw it in the air, they did not see the shoe fall back down again. The shoe fell on the head of the man in the city of Ceylon, who was trying to attack the young girl, and killed him. Hazoor Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ performed hundreds of miracles like this in his lifetime.

"Though I be in the West and my disciple be in the East, if the world goes to attack him, I know, I will save him-" Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilaniرضی اللہ عنہ

Ghaus-e-Azam Dastagheer means helper.

Imaam Ahmad bin Hambal

Sheikh Sayyidi Baqaaرضی اللہ عنہ states that once he accompanied Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ to the tomb of Imam Ahmed bin Hambal رضی اللہ عنہ He says": I saw Sheikh Imam Ahmed bin Hambal's رضی اللہ عنہ grave split open, and I saw him emerge from his blessed grave. He embraced Ghaus-e-Azam رضی اللہ عنہ and then said'Even I am dependent on you in Tariqah."'

A Lion Overpowered by a Dog :

Sheikh Abu Masood bin Abi Bakr Harimi رضی اللہ عنہ reports that there was a very great Saint by the name of Sheikh Ahmed Jaam رضی اللہ عنہ He used to travel on a lion wherever he went. In every city that he visited, it was his habbit to ask the people of the city to send one cow for his lion's meal. Once, he went to a certain city and requested from the Saint of that city a cow for his lion. The Saint sent the cow to him and said",If you ever go to Baghdad, your lion will receive a welcome invitation".

Sheikh Ahmed Jaam رضی اللہ عنہ then journeyed to Baghdad Shareef. On arriving in Baghdad, he sent one of his disciples to Ghaus-e-Azam رضی اللہ عنہ and commanded that a cow be sent to him, as a meal for his lion. The great Ghaus رضی اللہ عنہ was already aware of his coming. He had already arranged for a cow to be kept for the lion. On the command of Sheikh Ahmed Jaam رضی اللہ عنہ Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ sent one of his disciples with a cow to him. As the disciple took the cow with

him, a weak and old stray dog, which used to sit outside the home of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilaniرضی اللہ عنہfollowed the disciple. The disciple presented the cow to Sheikh Ahmed Jaamرضی اللہ عنہwho in turn signalled the lion to commence feeding. As the lion ran towards the cow, this stray dog pounced on the lion. It caught the lion by its throat and killed the lion by tearing open its stomach. The dog then dragged the lion and threw it before Sheikh Abdul Qadirرضی اللہ عنہ

On seeing this, Sheikh Ahmed Jaam رضی اللہ عنہ was very embarrassed. He humbled himself before the great Ghausرضی اللہ عنہand asked for forgiveness for his arrogant behaviour. This incident shows the great strength of a dog that only sat outside the stoop of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani.رضی اللہ عنہThis was due to its Nisbat to the blessed stoop of the great Saint.رضی اللہ عنہIt also proves that even animals recognise and are loyal to the Awliya Allah. A'la Hazrat, Sheikh Imam Ahmed Raza al-Qaadiriرضی اللہ عنہportrays the above-mentioned incident in one of his poetic stanzas. He says":Kya Dab'be Jis Pe Himayat Ka Ho Panja Tera, Sher Ko Khatre me Laata, Nahi Kut'ta Tera."

The person who is arrogant, their status is always low. A person who has arrogance and has pride in himself, he will not enter Paradise-Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani RA

Ghaus Pakرضی اللہ عنہsaid":I see the entire world, exactly how I see a grain of mustard in my hand".

Great knowledge of Ghaus-e-Azam رضی اللہ عنہ:

Allama Abdul Rehmaan Al Jouzi رضی اللہ عنہ reported":In a gathering, Ghaus pakرضی اللہ عنہwas beautifully explaining the interpretation of an ayat of the Qur'an in detail. I already knew this interpretation. However when Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ interpreted the same ayat for the 12th time, I was shocked. Ghaus pakرضی اللہ عنہcontinued and had explained 40diiferent interpretations in total of the same ayat. I had only known 11 out of the 40interpretations. Ghaus pakرضی اللہ عنہhad such a tremendous amount of knowledge that so many well-known scholars used to come to the gathering of Ghaus pakرضی اللہ عنہ just to gain knowledge and learn from them the blessed Saint رضی اللہ عنہ."

Scholars from all over the world used to visit the maddrassah and Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ to test their knowledge. Upon their

arrival Ghaus pakرضی اللہ عنہtold them the reason for their coming and gave each correct answer for their individual questions. People were amazed and bewildered with the ilm that Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہhad, that he even knew their intention and the reason behind why they have come.

On one occasion two travellers from Arabia joined the gathering of Ghaus pak , رضی اللہ عنہ upon their arrival Sheikh Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہstopped his speech and said: They have come a long way and have had hardly anything to eat, and also told correctly what they had last eaten, the travellers were astonished and overwhelmed at the knowledge of Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ

Never accepted Haraam :

Once a Khalifah(Aimustanjid Billahرضی اللہ عنہ)came to Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہand presented them with some bags of gold, Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ refused them. The Khalifah then pleaded and begged Ghaus pakرضی اللہ عنہto accept them. Ghaus pakرضی اللہ عنہ took the two bags in their blessed hands and squeezed them, blood oozed out of the bags, because the wealth had come from haram earning and oppressing people. From this we can understand the immense power that Allah swt had given Ghaus-e-Azamرضی اللہ عنہthat the blessed Saint even knew the source of the gold.

The 4 encounters with Shaytaan :

He says that once Shaytaan came to him in a very ugly form and with a foul odour emanating from that cursed presence. Shaytaan said",I am Iblees. You have exhausted my students and me in our attempts to mislead you. I would now like to become your servant."On hearing this, the great Ghaus said",O Cursed One! Leave here at once".After this command of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ Shaytaan still refused to leave. A Hand came from the Unseen and hit Shaytaan on his head with such force that it caused him to sink into the ground.

Sheikh Ghaus-e-Azamرضی اللہ عنہstates".Once Shaytaan came to me and in his hand he had balls of fire, which he threw towards me. While this was happening, a veiled person on a white horse appeared and gave a sword in my hand. The moment I took the sword in my hand, Shaytaan turned and began to run".

The great Saint رضی اللہ عنہ states":Once again I saw

Shaytaan, but this time in a very sad state. I saw him sitting on the ground putting sand on his head. When he saw me he said ‘,O Abdul Qadir, you have made me very sad and disillusioned’.I then said,‘O Cursed One! Go away. I am always asking protection from you (in Allah’.)On hearing this, he said, ‘These words hurt me even more’.He then spread enormous amounts of traps around me. I asked what this was and he said‘,These are the traps and nets of this world in which we trap people like you’.After this, for one year, I gave thought to these traps of the world until I broke every one of them.”

Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ narrates, once I went to the jungle where there was nothing to eat nearby, I was continuously in the state of remembrance of Allah swt. I had become very thirsty. All of a sudden it has started raining heavily. I drank the rainwater and a bright light appeared from the sky, in which he saw a figure appear. A voice then came and said to me “Oh Abdul Qadir I am your Lord, from today I have made everything Halal for you and from today onwards Salah is not obligatory for you”.After hearing this Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ recited Ta'awooz (La hawla wala quwwata illah billah hil aleeyil azeem(then the light disappeared. The voice then said: “O Abdul Qadir, you have been saved because of your knowledge and piety otherwise I have misled many Mystics, with this trap”.Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ answered by saying “,My knowledge has not saved me, my creator has protected and saved me from you”.When the shaytaan heard this he started screaming and ran away.

The Angels are indeed the pure creation of Allah جل جلالہ yet, even the Shaytaan is able to instil and control the hearts and minds of people. However, the chosen servants of Allah جل جلالہ are protected from satanic attack.

In surah Hajr, verse 42,the Quran declares:

اِنَّ عِبَادِیْ لَیْسَ لَكَ عَلَیْهِمْ سُلْطٰنٌ اِلَّا مَنِ اتَّبَعَكَ مِنَ الْغٰوِیْنَ ﴿۴۲﴾

“Verily, over My bondsmen(,special servants) you have no control, save those misguided ones who follow you”

***The repect of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani* جل جلالہ:**

Once Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani جل جلالہ asked his mother for permission to go and seek knowledge. It was at nighttime, Ghaus pak جل جلالہ went to his teachers' house. When he arrived at the house, the door was closed. Ghaus pak جل جلالہ stood

outside, the teacher's house all night in the freezing cold weather. The teacher opened the door in the morning, to see that a child was standing outside. The teacher said 'Look how cold the weather is and enquired since when have you been standing here' Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ replied,'I have been standing here all night and I didn't want to wake you because I didn't want to disturb your sleep.' This was the respect, honour and love Ghaus pak جل جلالہ had for his teacher.

Students today should adopt the teachings of Ghaus pak جل جلالہ, because knowledge is never gained without respect. Ghaus pak جل جلالہ also affirmed that it is obligatory to obey those in authority and that it is not permissible to rebel against them.

Iftar at multiple houses :

It was the Holy month of Ramadan. A disciple requested Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ to come have Iftar at his house, Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ accepted his invitation. Another disciple came and said today do Iftar at my house, Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ also accepted his invitation. Like this, 70 people came to invite Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ to have Iftar at their house, Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ accepted all 70 of their invites and promised them all he will attend. When it was time for Iftar Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ went to all 70 peoples houses at one time. The next day, through delight the disciples began to individually claim that Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ had done Iftar at their homes. They started to debate and quarrel amongst themselves. The word got to the Madrassah, who then affirmed that Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ were present at the Madrassah yesterday. The 70 people were then confused and bedazzled, some came to Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ and asked them, Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ then replied Why are you so puzzled by this, Allah swt has empowered his Awliya that at any one time they can be in several places.

Allah جل جلالہ has given the Awliya the power and the strength to travel to many different places at once. If man-made technology allows us to stream and communicate to millions of people around the world, at one time. Imagine the power of those who are blessed by Allah جل جلالہ. Therefore the Awliya have extraordinary powers bestowed upon them so that they are able to carry out their spiritual duties. The Kings of the Duniya (world) are only in power for a short period of time.

However the Kings of the spiritual world are the Awliya, they are in power for many many years, even after their demise their teachings and stories, legens live on, this is also another blessing from Allah, جل جلاله who raises the ranks and status of his Awliya.

Allah جل جلاله has specifically stated, their closeness for their Awliya.

وَلَا يَزَالُ عَبْدِي يَتَقَرَّبُ إِلَيَّ بِالنَّوَافِلِ حَتَّى أُحِبَّهُ. فَإِذَا أَحْبَبْتُهُ كُنْتُ سَمْعَهُ الَّذِي يَسْمَعُ بِهِ، وَبَصَرَهُ الَّذِي يُبْصِرُ بِهِ، وَيَدَهُ الَّتِي يَبْطِشُ بِهَا، وَرِجْلَهُ الَّتِي يَمْشِي بِهَا، وَلَئِنْ سَأَلَنِي لَأُعْطِيَنَّهُ، وَلَئِنِ اسْتَعَاذَنِي لَأُعِيذَنَّهُ." - رَوَاهُ الْبُخَارِيُّ

......"My servant continues to draw near to Me with voluntary acts of worship so that I shall love him. When I love him, I am his hearing with which he hears, his seeing with which he sees, his hand with which he strikes and his foot with which he walks. Were he to ask[something[of Me, I would surely give it to him"......

Hadith Qudsi (Sahih al-Bukhari, 81:38:2)

When a person becomes a Wali of Allah, جل جلاله he kills his desires (Nafs) and nothing materialistic, such as money and worldly goods, no longer matter to them. Their only intention is to please Allah, جل جلاله spend their time in remembrance and worship purely of Allah جل جلاله and spend their wealth in the path of Allah. جل جلاله They do not have the love for this world in their hearts. They do not pay attention to their own wants and needs and always fight their desires(naafs) They spend nights in the worship of Allah swt, whilst others are asleep they are ultimately engrossed in the love of Allah جل جلاله

Apart from offering obligatory prayers (farz) a person gains closeness and proximity to Allah جل جلاله through Nawafil prayers, Nafali ibaadat.

The Plague of Baghdad :

Once a plague broke out in Baghdad and people started to die, people asked Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ please do dua that we are protected and relieved from this tragedy. Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ replied,"Eat the grass surrounding my madrassah and drink the water from the well in my Madrassah. Surely Allah جل جلاله will cure you from every illness". Thereafter whoever ate the grass and drank the blessed water, Allah جل جلاله gave them Shi'fa. After this, the plague disappeared from Baghdad at once and never ever returned.

Reference: Tafreeual Khatir Page 34-35

Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ stated",Whoever has come to visit my Madrassah, in his lifetime, on the Day of Judgment, his punishment will be decreased.

Reference: Tabbukat ul koobra

Saviour to those in their graves :

Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ was such a powerful Awliya of Allah جل جلالہ, that he could even be a savior to those receiving serious punishment in their grave!

Once an upset young man came to Hazoor Ghaus-e-Azam and said, I saw my late father last night in my dream and he told me'Son !I am being punished in the grave, go to Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam and ask him to pray for me .Upon hearing this, Hazoor Ghaus-e-Azam asked the young man,'did your father ever come past my Madrassa. He replied'Yes .Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam went quiet and the young man returned home. The following day the young man came back to Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam and was very happy .He said'Oh friend of Allah, I saw my late father again in my dream, he was wearing a green gown and was very happy .My father told me'with the prayer of Sayyiduna Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani the punishment has been lifted and I have also been granted this green gown. My dear son !Stay with Ghaus-e-Azam After hearing this, Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam said,'My Allah has promised me that any Muslim who walks past my Madrassa will have his punishment reduced.

Reference: Aezan, P194

Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ was such a powerful Awliya of Allah جل جلالہ, that he could even be a savior to those screaming in their grave!

Once some people came to Hazoor Ghaus-e-Azam رضی اللہ عنہ and said'Oh friend of Allah, we can hear screams from a grave in Baab-ul-Azj. Hazoor !Please pray for him. Ghaus-e-Azam رضی اللہ عنہ asked the people'Was he my follower.The people replied'We don't know Ghaus-e-Azam رضی اللہ عنہ then asked'did he attend my gathering They replied'we don't know. He رضی اللہ عنہ asked'Did he ever eat my food. They gave the same reply. He رضی اللہ عنہ then asked'did he ever pray Salaah behind me the people said'We don't know." Hazoor Ghaus-e-Azam started thinking with his blessed head bowed down .After a short period he raised his

blessed head and said 'The angels came to me and told me,'that person used to come and see you and he had faith in you, so Allah has forgiven him.Alhamdu-Lillah,the screams from the grave stopped.

Bahja-t ul-Israar wa ma'da nul Anwaar, P194

Great saints of Allah جل جلاله have wanted to stay at Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ madrassah as it is a big form of blessing for them and they felt highly privileged to be able to reside at the madrassah.

Hazrat Maruf Karkhi رضی اللہ عنہ:

Once Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ visited the tomb of Hazrat Maruf Karkhi(رضی اللہ عنہ A high ranked Wali) and recited surah Fatihah and made dua "O Allah with the intercession of this pious person please forgive me of my sins".From inside the tomb of Hazrat Maruf Karkhi, رضی اللہ عنہ a voice came "Ghaus e Azams status is very high, O Ghaus you pray for my forgiveness".

Mufti-e-A'zam Hind, Imaam Ahmad Raza رضی اللہ عنہ:

Mufti-e-A'zam Hind, Maulana Mustapha Raza al-Qaadiri رضی اللہ عنہ, the son of Imam Ahmed Raza al-Qaadiri, رضی اللہ عنہ says in one of his Manqabats, which he wrote in praise of the great Ghaus رضی اللہ عنہ as follows:

"Ye Dil Ye Jigar He Ye Aankhe Ye Sar He"

My Heart, My liver, My eyes and My head are all here,

"Jahaa Chaaho Rakhlo Qadam Ghaus-e-A'zam-" O Ghaus!

You may keep your blessed foot wherever you desire.

This couplet of Mufti-e-A'zam رضی اللہ عنہ shows that even though he was not born when the great Saint رضی اللہ عنہ made this statement, but even after coming to this physical world, he showed his allegiance to al-Ghaus al-A'zam رضی اللہ عنہ by accepting and confirming the command of the great Ghaus رضی اللہ عنہ. This, and his immense love for Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ gained him the exalted status of "Ghaus-ul-Waqt" meaning "The Ghaus of the Time."

Shariah and Tareeqah :

Once Sheikh Bataa'ihi رضی اللہ عنہ presented himself in the court of Sheikh Ahmed Kabeer. رضی اللہ عنہ He states that Sheikh Ahmed Kabeer رضی اللہ عنہ said,"Do you know anything about the condition of Ghaus-e-Azam" رضی اللہ عنہ Sheikh Ahmed رضی اللہ عنہ states":On hearing this, I began to praise Ghaus-e-Azam رضی اللہ عنہ and say

what I knew concerning him. I said as much as I knew and then remained silent". Sheikh Ahmed Kabeer رضی اللہ عنہ then said: "On his right is the Sea of Shari'ah and on his left is the Sea of Tariqah. From this, he gives whom he desires. In this era, there is none equal to him".

Also this is again acknowledged by Hazrat sayed Ahmed Rafaai(رضی اللہ عنہ head of the Rafai silsila) who states:

On the right side of Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ shoulder is the river of Shari'at and on their blessed left shoulder is the river of Tareeqat. From this, Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ gives to whom he desires. There is none equivalent to him. They are able to see everything.

Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ never gave the rich priority over the poor. He would treat both rich and the poor equally. The Great Saint رضی اللہ عنہ spent a lot of time with the poor and even stated", If I was to have all the fortune in the world, I would feed the poor".

Chicken back to life :

A mother bought her son to learn from Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ and said, my son loves you dearly make him your student. Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ made the boy his Mureed(disciple) and the boy started to gain education from Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ After a while the mother returned to see her son, she saw that Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ was eating chicken and the boy is eating dry bread and had lost a lot of weight. She complained to Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ saying, you are eating chicken and my son is eating dry bread. Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ placed his blessed hands on the chicken bones and said, Kum-bi-iznillah (Rise by the command of Allah, the one who gives life) with the grace of Allah جل جلالہ the chicken immediately came to life. Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ then turned to the woman and said, when your son will reach this stage and is able to do this, then he will be able to eat whatever he wishes.

Reference: Bahjat ul Asraar Page 128

When Ghaus pak. رضی اللہ عنہ Laundry man died :

The man who used to wash the clothes of Gaus pak died. They burried him then in the grave munkeer and nakeer came to him and asked him who is your lord? (mann rabbuka) he replied I am a sinner and an illiterate man, I don't know anything, I used to wash Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ clothes. They said what is your religion(ma deenuka) he said I am not educated I

am an illiterate man, all I know is I used to wash Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ clothes. If you want to punish me then punish me if you want to free me then free me. They then asked him who is your prophet What did u say about this personality in the world I don't have that much recognition. He said I am an illiterate man if you want to punish me then punish me if you want to free me then free me I just used to go to Gaus pak`s house there I would collect his clothes wash them and bring them back as I used to do his laundry as I was a laundry man. Munker and Nakeer must have thought what a new case has come here then Munkeer and Nakeer must have looked towards our beloved Allah, جل جلالہ and said What are you looking at Come back! Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ name has been mentioned...... and then finally(us ruh ke bakshish ho gaye) so he was free from punishment.

The laundryman kept on repeating that I am the laundry man of Ghaus pak,رضی اللہ عنہ through that firm connection(Nisbat) and intercession(waseela)he was forgiven, even after death he did not forget Ghaus pak.رضی اللہ عنہ Upon saying I am Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ laundryman, he meant that whom is their Lord is also my Lord, whatever is their religion, is my religion, who is their Rasool is also my Rasool ﷺ

After 900 years the blessings of Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ are apparent and people are voicing their praises!

Seek connection and ties with the Awliya of Allah,جل جلالہ you will then receive spiritual success and through this we may also be forgiven on the Day of Judgment.

Ziyaarat of Rasool Allah ﷺ:

Sheikh Ali Haiti رضی اللہ عنہ was a big Wali of Allah.جل جلالہ He was seated directly in front of Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ and fell asleep during the lecture. Hazrat Ghaus-e-Azam رضی اللہ عنہ saw this and came down from the Mimbar and stood in front of sleeping Sheikh, Ali bin Haiti, رضی اللہ عنہ with both his hands folded in respect. After a while Sheikh Ali bin Haiti رضی اللہ عنہ awoke to find Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رضی اللہ عنہ standing in front of him. He immediately stood up in respect. Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ smiled and said",The reason I am standing in front of you is because you were seeing RasoolAllah ﷺ in your dream and I was seeing Rasool Allah ﷺ with my physical eyes".

Memorised the Qur'an at a young age :

When Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ was 3 years old, his blessed mother sent him to the Imam to learn Qur'an. On his first day, Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ recited 18 chapters from the Qur'an. The Imam was astonished and amazed, he said you came today for the first time and you recited 18 chapters. Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ replied, when I was in my mothers' womb, my mother was a Hafizah of 18 chapters, she used to recite Qur'an and that's how I learned from my mother.

The mothers' womb is the first place of learning for a child!

Assistance from the Unseen :

One day, the Great Ghaus Pak رضی اللہ عنہ was studying in the jungle when he heard a voice from the Unseen call to him":O Abdul Qadir! You have not eaten in days and most of your time is being spent in studies. Go to someone and get something on credit. It is the Sunnah of the Ambiya".

When Ghaus-e-Azam رضی اللہ عنہ heard this, he replied that he could not take anything on credit, as he had no means of repaying this credit. The voice answered: Do not worry about this. Repaying your credit is Our responsibility".

After receiving this message, he went to a shop and requested the shopkeeper for some food on credit. He said":I would like for you to give me one and a half rotis(slices of bread) daily on credit, which I will repay when I have the means, and if I die before this, then you should pardon my credit".

The shopkeeper, being a pious servant of Allah,جل جلالہ began to cry when he heard these words of Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ. He replied":Take anything that you wish to take from my shop and whenever you wish to do so".From that day onwards, he used to take one and a half rotis(bread) daily. The days passed by rapidly and Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ began to worry about the money that he owed. One day, he was engrossed in this thought when the same Voice from the Unseen called to him and said":O Abdul Qadir! Go to a certain place and whatever you find there, give it to the shopkeeper."

Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ went to the spot that he was commanded to go to. There, he found a piece of gold. He took this piece of gold and gave it to the shopkeeper thus paying off his credit.

After completing his academic studies, Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ did not stop in his quest for in-depth spiritual

knowledge. To quench this spiritual thirst, he was presented with the opportunity of gaining spiritual knowledge under the guidance of Sheikh Hammad bin Muslim Ad Dabbaas رضی اللہ عنہ who was amongst the greatest Sheikhs of Baghdad.

There came a time in Baghdad when there was abundance of trouble. Since he did not want any part of this, he decided to leave Baghdad for a more peaceful environment. Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilaniرضی اللہ عنہsaid,

I made my intention to leave Baghdad due to the unsuitable conditions and was on my way out of Baghdad, when from the unseen, some great strength pushed me so hard that I fell to the ground. Then from the unseen I heard a voice say, Do not leave here. The creation of Allah will gain benefit via you. On hearing this I said, What do I have to do with the people All I want is to protect my Deen(Imaan)The voice then said'No, it is of utmost importance for you to remain here. No harm will come to your Imaan.

I then immediately changed my mind and for the pleasure of Allah, I remained in Baghdad. The very next day as I was passing through a street, a man opened the door of his house and called to me. He said"O Abdul Qadir, what did you ask from your Creator yesterday" With these words, he closed the door of his house. I walked for some time and then realised that I had made a grave error, this person was a Wali, if not, he would have not known of what had happened the previous day. I went in search of his door, but was unsuccessful. After this, I would look for him wherever I went, until one day I saw him in a gathering and from then on I stayed in his company. This personality was Sayyid Hammad bin Muslim Ad Dabbaas.

What is Esaal-e-Sawaab :

Is to ask Allah جل جلاله for the forgiveness of our sins and to raise the spiritual status of the deceased. This can be done through various practices such as offering duas(supplications) to recite the Qur'an, to give charity, to offer Qurbani (o n Eid-ul-Adha) and also to perform a compulsory Hajj on behalf of the deceased.

Our Aqeeda(belief) of the Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat is that all our good deeds can be donated to both people who are alive and also who have passed away. For the good deed to reach a person who has passed,away he must have passed with his faith intact as a Mulsim, Esaal-e-Sawaab cannot reach a kaafir. This can be in the form of physical ibaadat such as namaaz and fasting and Hajj and Umrah, or in the form of Sadaqa, zakat, water well. From all these the deceased person will benefit. There are so many proofs of this, many Ayats in the Qur'an which support this, many Hadiths from RasoolAllah ﷺ and many sayings from various Saints. Firstly we will look at the proof from the Qur'an in Surah Ibraheem:

رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيَّ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْحِسَابُ - (14:41)

"Our Lord, forgive me and my parents and the believers the Day the account is established".

This is the dua of Ibraheem علیہ السلام which is also a part of out Salah (daily prayer) it is understood that we should ask for forgiveness for people who have passed away so that Allah جل جلاله forgives them for their sins. The deceased benefit from this. This is the sunnah Mubarak of Ibraheem علیہ السلام This is evidence that apart from their own good deeds, the deceased also benefit from the dua's that people who are alive make for them.

Furthermore, Surah Al Hashr, reminds us to ask for mercy upon our brothers/sisters who have passed away:

وَالَّذِينَ جَاءُوا مِن بَعْدِهِمْ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا وَلِإِخْوَانِنَا الَّذِينَ سَبَقُونَا بِالْإِيمَانِ

وَلَا تَجْعَلْ فِي قُلُوبِنَا غِلًّا لِّلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ رَءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ - 59:10

"And [there is a share for] those who came after them, saying, "Our Lord, forgive us and our brothers who preceded us in faith and put not in our hearts [any] resentment toward those who have believed. Our Lord, indeed You are Kind and Merciful".

Proof from Hadith :

Hazrat Abu Hurraira رضی اللہ عنہ reported that RasoolAllah ﷺ said

when a person dies his good deed and bad deeds have come to an end, apart from 3 things:

1 Sadaqa Ja'ria e.g. water-well, masjid
2 The knowledge that he has spread e.g. Hifz-e-Qur'an, Hadith.
3 The dua's from their children

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Therefore if somebody has built a water-well, built a masjid or any other cause that may continue to benefit a person after his demise, he will continue to reap the rewards in his grave from this good deed in the form of Sadaqa Ja'ria. Secondly, if anybody has taught somebody the Qur'an or Hadith or any good knowledge that benefits them in the way of Islam, then they will still reap the rewards in their graves. Lastly, the dua's from the deceased children will undoubtedly reach them in their graves.

Hazrat Aisha رضی اللہ عنہ reports that a man came to the court of RasoolAllah ﷺ and said my mother has passed away without leaving a will. However I believe that if she had the chance to leave a will she would have told me to give charity(sadaqa) If I donate something towards charity will it reach her in reward? RasoolAllah ﷺ said indeed it will reach her. The man then said;Ya RasooAllah ﷺ as my beloved Prophet I make you my witness that I offer my garden full of fruits for my mother in the way of charity(sadaqa)

Imam Bukhaari Imaam Muslim

This Hadith clearly is evidence that if we offer charity on behalf of the deceased, the deceased will definitely benefit.

Abu Hurraira رضی اللہ عنہ reports that the beloved RasoolAllah ﷺ said, when Allah ﷺ raises a deceased persons status in Paradise, the person asks, O Allah how has my status been raised?Allah ﷺ replies that due to your offspring doing Istaghfaar for you,(repenting for your sins).

Mishkaat Sharif chapter Tawbah

This Hadith is also clear proof that our dua's reach the deceased and are greatly beneficial to them, whereby their rank in Paradise is also elevated.

Harat Jaabir رضی اللہ عنہ narrates, after the burial of Hazrat Sa'ad رضی اللہ عنہ, RasoolAllah ﷺ read a tasbih, therefore we all read a tasbih too. Then RasoolAllah ﷺ read Takbir and we also read Takbir. After having done this, we asked, Ya RasoolAllah ﷺ what was the reason for reading Tasbih and Takbir? RasoolAllah ﷺ replied, Hazrat Sa'ads grave had become tight upon him and from the blessings of the Tasbih and Takbir, Allah widened his grave.

Musnaid Ahmad bin Hambal

RasoolAllah ﷺ himself read tasbih and Takbir. Ultimately this is eveidence that zikr, talawat-e-Quran and dua all benefit the deceased. If this did not benefit the deceased then undoubtedly our beloved Prophet RasoolUllah ﷺ would not have carried this out himself. Also if this did not benefit the deceased then the beloved Prophet ﷺ would not have given the Sahaba permission(companions) to do so. This proves that through zikr and recitation of the Qur'an is beneficial for the deceased.

Hazrat Anas narrated, He said to RasoolAllah ﷺ we give Sadaqa, perform Hajj and do Dua for our deceased. Do these good deeds reach them?RasoolAllah ﷺ replied, that deceased person becomes so happy and overjoyed, like when you are presented with a gift.

Hashiya Maraqi al falaha

Hazrat Anas رضی اللہ عنہ narrates, I heard RasoolAllah ﷺ say Whenever someone passes away in the household and they carry out any kind of Esaal-e-Sawaab for him, Jibreel علیہ السلام presents it to the deceased person, in a tray filled with Noor(light) in their grave and says",O deceased your family have sent this gift for you".The deceased person becomes soo happy and overwhelmed. The other deceased, whom their families have not carried out Esaal-e-Sawaab for them, see this and become upset.

Tafseer e Mazharee

Hafidh Ibn Kathir رضی اللہ عنہ narrates, one day beloved RasoolAllah ﷺ was invited to somebodys house. RasoolAllah ﷺ accepted the invitation and brought a lot of companions along with him. There was a small amount of food, RasoolAllah ﷺ said to bring the food out. RasoolAllah ﷺ then recited dua upon the food, and the food was served to the people. After everybody had eaten, there was still the same amount of food left over, which was there before they started to eat.

Tareekh Ibn Kathir&Siraat un Nabi, chapter of Mujizat

From this narration it is proved that to do dua upon food is not an innovation, it is infact a Sunnah of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ It is done for Barakah(blessings) so that the food does not become short.

Furthermore, Hazrat Ali رضی اللہ عنہ stated: When you pass by a graveyard recite Surah Ikhlaas 21 times and present it to the deceased. However many people are buried there, you will receive the equal amount of good deeds in return.

Tafseer Rooh ul Bayaan

Hazrat Ibn Abbas رضی اللہ عنہ narrates, on the day of Eid, Jummah,

the day of Ashoora and Shab-e-Baraat the spirits of the deceased come to their family homes and stand at the door, to see if anybody has remembered them in the way of Esaal-e-Sawaab. If they have, the spirits are overwhelmed with happiness and joy. If nobody has remembered them, they say please do Esaal-e-Sawaab for us, your book of deeds is still open and ours is now closed, you still have the ability and we do not!

Daqaiq ul Akhbaar P#123 Imam Ghazali

There is huge speculation and disagreement between Sunni and Wahabi sects of Islam upon the topic of Esaal-e-Sawaab. The following 3proofs, in brief, show that renowned Wahabi scholars themselves, permitted and prescribed to carry out Esaal-e-Sawaab, in different methods, for the deceased!

AshrafAli Thanvi states: Everybody has the authority present their good deeds to the alive or deceased, in the way of Esaal-e-Sawaab. In exactly the same way you present it to the deceased it is also present it to the alive.

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Nawab Siddiqe Khan Bhopali stated: For the first 7days a deceased person is put through tests of the grave. In these first 7days, prepare food, and feed people upon the deceased persons behalf.

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Nawab Siddiqe Hassan Khan Bhopali stated: Read 2rak'at Salah, and in every rak'at recite Surah Ikhlaas 11times. After this, read Durood Shareef 111times. Then read Fatiha upon food and then with the Waseela of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ distribute it.

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Imdaad Kun, Imdaad Kun, Azaranj wa gham azad kun,
Dar deeno dunya shaad kun, Ya Ghaus-e-Azam dastagheer!

Gyarween Shareef

Giyarween Shareef is specifically an Esaale-Sawaab for Sayyiduna Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani. رضی اللہ عنہ These are many proofs in the Holy Qur'an, the Ahadith and from the statements of many of the Ulema and Mashaaikh of Islam substantiating the validity of Esaale-Sawaab. Every 11th day of the Islamic calendar, Ghaus pak رضی اللہ عنہ used to carry out khatam for Nabi pak saw. Ghaus Pak's demise was also on the 11th day of the Islamic calendar. Therefore we commemorate Ghiyaarwi Shareef khatam upon their remembrance.

Some persons say that to utter"Ya Sheikh Abdal Qaadir Jilani Shai un lillah" is Shirk because one is making partnership with

Allah Ta'ala (committing Shirk) by asking for assistance from the creation of Allah Ta'ala. They say that one can only ask directly from Allah Ta'ala.

The Ahle Sunnah Wal Jama'at believes that it is absolutely permissible to say"Ya Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani Shai un lillah" when asking for assistance from those servants of Allah swt who have been appointed as helpers of the Ummah.

We understand from the verse"Iyya ka Na'budu Wa Iy'ya ka Nas Ta'een"(You Alone we worship and You Alone we ask for Help)which is found in Surah Fateha, that the True Helper is Allah Ta'ala. But it is Allah Ta'ala who has appointed helpers from within His servants to assist the creation with His permission.

As long as a person bears this fact in mind that the True and Real Helper is Allah swt and no matter whom he asks from, it will be through the Mercy of Allah جل جلاله then it is permissible to ask from such a person. This can never be termed as Shirk.

In the Holy Qur'an, it is proven that the Ambiya (alaihimus salaam)asked the servants of Allah جل جلاله who are His creation, to assist them in their mission of Deen. To quote two examples:

We read about Hazrat 'Isa AS asking for help from his Disciples":Who are those who will assist me in the path of Allah.

"His Disciples replied to him by saying",From the servants, we will help in the Deen of Allah(جل جلاله)".

Hazrat Moosa علیہ السلام also asked Allah Ta'ala for assistance and the name of his brother, Hazrat Haroon علیہ السلام was suggested to him.

If it was Shirk to ask for assistance from the creation, then the Ambiya علیہم السلام would have never asked the people to assist them in their propogation of Deen.

Besides the Ambiya علیہم السلام asking the servants of Allah Ta'ala to assist them in the Deen, Allah Ta'ala states in the Holy Quran that Jibraeel علیہ السلام and the pious Muslims are also helpers:

فَإِنَّ اللهَ هُوَ مَوْلٰىهُ وَجِبْرِيْلُ وَصَالِحُ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمَلٰٓئِكَةُ بَعْدَ ذٰلِكَ ظَهِيْرٌ

(التحریم:4)

"Then, undoubtedly Allah is his helper, and Jibraeel and the righteous Believers and after that the Angels are his helpers".

Sayyidi Jamal bin Abdullah bin Omar Makki (رضی اللہ عنہ) in his Fatawa states that he was questioned about those people who proclaim in times of difficulty",Ya Rasoolullah, Ya Ali, Ya Sheikh Abdul Qaadir" as to these proclamations being permissible in Islam. The great scholar replied":Yes, these proclamations are

permissible. To call to them is permissible including using their names as Wasilas. This is permissible in the light of the Shari'ah. Such an act is desirable and approved. Only those individuals who are stubborn and arrogant would oppose or question this reality, and they certainly are unfortunate and deprived of the Barakaat(blessing) of the Awliya Allah".

Almighty Allah جل جلالہ states in the Holy Qur'an: And those who came after them say, Our Lord forgive us and our brothers who came before us into the Faith, and leave not in our hearts rancour(dislike) against those who have believed. Our Lord! You are indeed full of Kindness, Most Merciful.

Surah Hashr: 10

The Holy Prophet saw has stated: There is Allah's Mercy on my Ummah. A person who is buried as a sinner, but with prayers and Istighfaar(asking for forgiveness) of Muslims, they with arise without sins(on the Day of Judgement).(Tibrani)

In another Hadith which is recorded in Sahih Mishkaat Shareef, it is narrated that a Sahaba once asked Prophet(Sallallaho Alaihay Wa Aalihi Wasallam :)O Prophet of Allah! We give Sadqa(charity) on behalf of our deceased and perform Hajj on their behalf. Does the Sawaab reach them The Holy Prophet (Sallallaho Alaihay Wa Aalihi Wasallam) replied: Yes, without doubt they become happy as one of you becomes happy when he is presented with a gift.

Some other Ahadith of Esaale Sawaab:

Hadith No.1:

It is in Abu Dawood and Nasa'i from Sa'ad ibn Ubaadah(رضی اللہ عنہ)that he asked the Prophet"(ﷺ)Ya Rasoolallah(Sall Allaho alaihi wasallam) Sa'ad's mother has passed
away. Which sadqa is best to do for her' The Prophetﷺsaid, 'Make sadqa of water(since there was shortage of water then.')He had a well dug and said'This well is for the mother of Sa'ad' in other words, the sawaab is for Sa'ad's mother".

Hadith No.2:

It is in Sahih Bukhari and Muslim on the authority of Ummul Mo'mineen Sayyida Aisha Siddiqa"(رضی اللہ عنہا)A person came to the Prophet (ﷺ) and said that his mother passed away suddenly and he felt that if she had anything to say before her death, she would have requested sadqa. He asked that if she would receive any sawaab if he made sadqa on her behalf. The Prophetﷺ answered by saying,'Yes'(she would receive the reward) Whilst commentating on this Hadith in Ash'atul Lamaat, Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Haq Muhadith-e-Dehlwi alaihir rahma states",This Hadith is proof of the fact that the deceased receives sawaab from Sadqa and the same refers to Dua. This

It is also celebrated o the 11th of every Islamic Month (Giyarween means eleven in Urdu) in many mosques or by individuals at home. This auspicious function takes place both nationally and internationally endowing great spiritual benefits and Barakah.

He further states in his Malfoozat-e-Azeezi: During the Giyarwee Shareef, the Sultan and the pious elders congregate at the Mazaar Shareef (Blessed Tomb) of Sayyiduna Sheikh Abdul Qaadir Jilani in Baghdad Shareef. They recite the Khatam Shareef from Asar Salaah till Maghrib Salaah and also recite the praises the praises of Sayyiduna Sheikh Abdul Qaadir Jilani(صلی اللہ علیہ وآلہ وسلم)After the Maghrib Salaah, the Spiritual Head sits in the middle of the congregation and leads the Zikr. On this occasion many people experience a sense of Wajd (spiritual ecstasy) This is followed by distribution of sweets prepared for the function. The people disperse after the Esha Salaah.

Khatham-e-Qadriya :

To eradicate any problems or difficulties, Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jiliniرضی اللہ عنہhas prescribed two kinds of Khatham:

Small Khatham :

This consists of carrying out wudu or ghusl(.Ladies, whilst on their menstrual cycle must not carry out this Khatham) Recite Durood Shareef 11times, recite 141times Surah Alam-Nashrah, recite Durood Shareef 11 times again after. Then do Dua to Allahجل جلالہ with the Waseela(intercession) of Ghaus Pakرضی اللہ عنہ, inshaAllah Allah جل جلالہ will accept your duas. This must be done in one sitting.

Big Khatham :

Carry out wudu or ghusl. Ladies, whilst on their menstrual cycle must not carry out khatham. Recite Durood Shareef 11 times. Recite Surah Alam Nashrah 1000times. Recite Durood Shareef 11times again after. Then make Dua to Allahجل جلالہwith the Waseela(intercession) of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani,رضی اللہ عنہ inshaAllah Allahجل جلالہ will accept your duas. This must also be done in one sitting.

In some cases, if your supplication has not been answered, you will need to carry out this khatham for 7consecutive days.

Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضی اللہ عنہ prescribes a Salaah, which can be extremely beneficial. He states":After Maghrib, a person should perform two Rakaats of Salaah, in every Rakaat he should recite eleven times the Surah Fateha and, thereafter, Surah Ikhlaas eleven times. After completing the Salaah, he should recite the Durood and Salaam upon the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وآلہ وسلمthen remembering me he should proceed eleven steps

towards the direction of Baghdad, invoking my name in every step, including mentioning his need and wish. In this manner InshaAllah his need and wish will be granted".

The verses of the Holy Quran, the Ahadith and sayings of great Mufasireen that we have quoted here is proof enough that it is permissible to ask help from Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Qaadir Jilaniرضی اللہ عنہUndoubtedly, he is from those servants of Allah Ta'ala, who has been chosen to serve and help the Ummah.

According to the narration of Hazrat Umar,رضی اللہ عنہ Prophet Muhammad saw said:

Surely, some of God blessed servants are neither Prophets nor Martyrs they are special People, who on the Day of Reckoning, the Prophets and the Martyrs will envy them for their ranks and nearness to their Allah.

"A Companion asked, O Messenger of Allah who are they, and what kind of deeds do they perform so that we may love them as well"

The beloved messenger saw replied:

Surely, among the slaves of Allah,there are the ones whom prophets and martyrs will envy. The companions said, O Messenger of Allah ,who are they inform us so that we love them. Upon their wish, the Prophet said: They are such a community that although they have no property(transaction)and kinship between themselves, they love each other. Their faces are full of light. They are on pulpits of light. They continue not to fear when the public fears. They do not grieve when the public grieves. The Prophet then recited the verse: Know well that the friends(saintly servants) of Allah they will have no fear, nor will they grieve.

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